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(C) PolMiloOff and UK DCM Jane Darby delivered reftel demarche to Paul Wilke, Head of the Dutch MFA Nonproliferation Office on March 4. Wilke was pleased to receive the draft resolution and said the U.S. and the UK had achieved a very significant step with Libya that also sends a message to Iran. The GONL had already instructed its mission in Vienna to vote in favor of such a resolution provided it establishes full cooperation by Libya. Wilke noted with approval the reference to Article XII of the IAEA Statute in the draft text, and said this would set a precedent with Director ElBaradei, undercutting his "skewed argument" that only breaches of the NPT need to be reported to the UNSC. Looking ahead, Wilke said that the GONL's main focus would be to maintain unity among members of the "non-group" in Vienna. He anticipates "heavy weather" going into the June BOG meeting (and a presumed debate about referring Iranian noncompliance to the UNSC). Wilke said he expected continuing Iranian failures to comply to come to light in the coming months.

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